



NAIA Staff Hosts Camp Character

NAIA National Office staff provides character education and sport instruction

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KANSAS CITY, MO. - The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) staff partnered with the Police Athletic League to sponsor Camp Character July 15-19, 2013 at the PAL Center.

The five-day summer camp combined sport instruction and character education, with training from the NAIA Champions of Character program.

The mission of Champions of Character is to provide character education so students learn to know, do and value the right thing on and off the field. The program's core values of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Sportsmanship and Servant Leadership were shared with more than 75 campers ranging in age from kindergarten through fourth grade each day. Sports include volleyball, football, basketball, soccer, kickball, capoeira, cross training, lacrosse and track and field.

The mission of the Police Athletic League of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department is to offer youth the opportunity to interact with police officers in a positive setting while participating in cultural, mentoring and sports programs

with the main emphasis being placed on academics. The PAL program serves as a constructive alternative to anti-social behavior and boredom during their developmental years and into adulthood.

"The NAIA is excited to partner with the Police Athletic League on Camp Character," said Jim Carr, NAIA President and CEO. "This is a great opportunity for the NAIA staff to get involved with the community, as well as spread the message about Champions of Character to over 100 youth participants." Carr also serves as Vice President of the Police Athletic League board.

